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COMMISSIONERS AWARD ROAD CONTRACTS

Construction Will Begin Both Ways Out of Dillon Immediately.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners held last Wednesday contracts for building the government road from the Marion county line on the east to the Marlboro line on the west were awarded to the Brooks-Galloway Co., of Atlanta, and the Hoppendietzel Co., of Macon, Ga. The Brooks-Galloway Co. gets the contract for the construction of the highway from the Marion line to Dillon town, and the Hoppendietzel Co. gets the contract for the joint road from Dillon town to the Marlboro county line. There will be approximately 20 miles of sand and clay road and the cost will be about \$63,000. The commissioners have under consideration a proposition to gravel the road from Dillon to Latta. Dr. J. H. David has an abundance of gravel on his plantation half between Dillon and Latta and negotiations are pending for the use of this gravel on the Dillon-Latta link. The state highway engineer who met with the county board Wednesday examined the gravel on Dr. David's place and says it is of a very high quality and will make an excellent top surface road.

The contractors are anxious to get to work as quickly as possible, and they returned to their homes Wednesday afternoon with the intention of getting their equipment loaded at once. The bids ranged from \$63,000 to \$100,000 and the successful bidders claim their bids were so low they do not expect to make any money on the work. One of the contractors said he had 80 head of mules that had been standing up for six months and if he could manage to pay expenses he would consider himself lucky. It is believed that Dillon county has made a close trade and will get the work done for one-half of what it would have cost a year ago.

The road will be 32 feet wide and have a clearance of 50 feet. Landowners along the highway have agreed to allow the county to get clay from their lands and the mixing of sand and clay will be under the direct supervision of an experienced engineer. The work will begin from Dillon both ways at the same time and the contractors have 200 days in which to complete their contracts, but it is thought they will finish in half that time.

Paving Streets of Bennettsville.

Bennettsville, April 24.—Rapid progress is being made in putting down the asphalt on the streets of Bennettsville. The more important streets are to a greater or less extent obstructed with the work and this inconvenience will of necessity continue for several months.

The contract includes Broad street, Main street from Jennings to Townsend, Marlboro street, Liberty street, McColl street from Liberty to Broad, Fayetteville avenue from Broad to Marlboro, and Market street. On account of the heavy traffic on Broad a base of five inches, bender of one inch and asphalt top of one and one-half inches is being put down while all other streets the base is four inches. The 5-inch work cost \$2.97 per square yard and the 4-inch base \$2.75 per square yard.

It was found necessary to repack all joints on the water mains. A number of shade trees in the business section had to be taken down.

Celebrates 87th Birthday.

Lumberton Robesonian.
Mr. G. E. Rancke, Sr., is 87 years old today. In honor of the event his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Lane, and two children, Robert and Annie, are spending the day with him. Several times since the armistice Mr. Rancke has tried to communicate with relatives in Germany, without success, but the other day Dr. T. A. Norment, a son-in-law, received a letter from a cousin in the fatherland asking where Mr. Rancke was buried! Mr. Rancke is still very much alive and is going strong. Mr. Rancke visits his daughter, Mrs. Fred M. Lane of Dillon, quite often and has many friends here who will be glad to learn that he continues to enjoy robust health at his advanced age.

FIRST CURB MARKET PROVES SUCCESS.

Marion, April 24.—The first curb market to be held in Marion was proclaimed yesterday morning by many who attended a great success. All the country produce which was brought to town was quickly and easily sold and many of the housewives who came with their baskets went home empty-handed and disappointed.

The vehicles bearing the produce were drawn up on the right hand side of Main street, facing north, between Godbold and Dozier streets. Dressed chickens, eggs, butter sweet potatoes, early vegetables, syrup, honey and preserves were some of the articles offered for sale.

It is believed that the experimental camphor groves which have been planted in Florida will be developed to commercial importance within a few years.

COUNTY FAIR FOR MARION.

Proposition From Mullins for Annual Event.

Marion, April 24.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Marion County Fair Association in the Chamber of Commerce hall a motion to hold the fair this year was passed and directors and officers for the ensuing year were elected. A nominating committee, consisting of two members from Mullins and two from Marion submitted the following names for the directorate of the association: Dr. W. L. Reaves, D. M. Watson, J. V. Williamson, S. C. Miles, Arch McMillan, P. W. Johnson, W. E. Stanley, Henry Berry, T. L. Smith, W. G. Nichols and Lawson Jordan. This body was unanimously elected by the stockholders.

From the directorate the following officers were chosen: P. W. Johnson, of Marion, president; D. M. Watson, of Mullins, first vice-president, and W. E. Stanley, of Centenary, second vice-president.

Feeling that the people of Marion had ceased to show sufficient interest in the county fair, the delegation from Mullins sought to induce the directors to order the fair held this year in Mullins instead of Marion. Marionites objected to the directors deciding such an important question, they stated that this was a matter for the stockholders to settle. The proposition was finally submitted to the stockholders.

MELONS WITH A KICK.

Colorado Grower Contracts to Raise 'Em for Beverage Purposes.

F. H. Chandler, prominent melon grower, of Burlington, Col., has contracted to raise one acre of watermelons for each of three real estate dealers in Burlington. Chandler to receive \$1 for each melon that equals or exceeds 10 per cent alcohol content.

SAYS SHOOTING "ACCIDENTAL."

Woman Snaps Gun in Fun, Finding it Loaded.

Florence, April 22.—Though Marie Scott shot him twice, first in the abdomen and the second ball entering his back, evidently having been shot as he turned to run, both Ed Brown the wounded man and his alleged assailant Marie Scott declare that the shooting was accidental. Brown's statement was taken as he lay on the surgeon's table. It was thought at that time that his wounds would prove fatal. Today he is doing fairly well and may live. Both are negroes. The pistol, according to their declarations was supposed to have been unloaded. Marie Scott in fun snapped it at Brown. When the gun fired Brown turned quickly and received another ball in his back. No arrests have been made.

Planes Complete Successful Trip.

Dillonites who observed two airplanes passing over town at a great height shortly after the noon hour last Thursday will be interested to learn that the planes were returning to Bolling Field, near Washington, after a 5000 mile trip to Porto Rico and back. The trip was under direction of Maj. T. C. Turner, of the Marine Corps, who piloted the leading plane. The planes left Bolling Field March 29th and passed over Dillon on the journey south. The trip was made for experimental purposes, the Atlantic Coast Line being followed from Richmond on through Florida.

School Transfer Wrecks.

The automobile transfer that carries children to and from the Hamer school was wrecked a short distance from the school building last week and several of the students were painfully injured. The wreck was caused by the smashing of a front wheel while the transfer was running about 20 miles an hour. One of the students suffered a broken arm while several others were painfully bruised.

FORTUNE DREAMER TURNS UP \$14,000.

Salem, Va., April 20.—Albert Dameron, 25, descendant of pioneer Virginia settlers, who works on his uncle's mountain-side farm near here from sun up to sun down at \$10 a month, often dreamed he said, of finding a treasure and buying a farm of his own.

While plowing near the foot of Brush's Mountain the afternoon of April 9, his plow unearthed a small metal pot wrapped in buckskin, containing gold and silver coins valued at \$14,903. About \$13,000 was in gold, \$600 in silver and the balance in paper money so badly disintegrated that denominations could not be distinguished. Gold and silver coins valued the coins was 1823.

Young Dameron, fearful that his treasure might be taken from him, kept his good fortune a secret until today, when he told his mother. "Albert dreamed for a week that he was going to find a treasure," said Mrs. Dameron, a hearty mountain woman, "and now he's gone and done it."

Tonight the fortune was still in Dameron's keeping and he said he had no intention of entrusting it to a bank.

LIST OF VETERANS ON DILLON COUNTY PENSION ROLL FOR 1921.

- Alford, James W., Dillon.
- Allen, Wm. A., Dillon.
- Allen, Wm. B., Latta.
- Berry, A. J., Latta.
- Bethes, James D., Latta.
- Bowen, J. W., Hamer.
- Brumles, Andrew, Latta.
- Bryant, A. Bethel, Dillon.
- Campbell, Andrew J., Hamer.
- Carmichael, A. B., Hamer.
- Carmichael, M. C., Hamer.
- Cook, Moses C., Latta.
- Edwards, Richard M., Dillon.
- Ford, Trussie C., Dillon.
- Fore, Tracey R., Latta.
- Foxworth, Chesley W., Latta.
- Game, V. D., Latta.
- Gasque, J. Maston, Dillon.
- Graves, Joseph, Latta.
- Hayes, Lewis E., Latta.
- Huggins, Theophilus, Fork.
- Hyatt, Peter E., Latta.
- Hyatt, Solomon, Dillon.
- Jackson, Levi, Dillon.
- Johnson, Zeno, Latta.
- Kelly, John, Dillon.
- Lane, David S., Latta.
- Lane, J. M., Fork.
- Lester, Robt. H., Little Rock.
- McLaurin, Duncan, Dillon.
- McLendon, Robt. F., Dillon.
- Moody, Enoch C., Dillon.
- Moody, John Thomas, Dillon.
- Muldrow, John Thomas, Dillon.
- Muldrow, Elihu, Dillon.
- Myers, Bryan H., Latta.
- Parham, Henry W., Mallory.
- Porter, Gause, Hamer.
- Reaves, James R., Dillon.
- Roberts, R. R., Fork.
- Rogers, Wm. H., Fork.
- Rowell, Jesse, Dillon.
- Scott, Andrew, Lake View.
- Sessions, L. F., Latta.
- Sherwood, T. C., Little Rock.
- Smith, Edward W., Pincham.
- Smith, Hardy D., Lake View.
- Smith, James R., Dillon.
- Smith, Jacob W., Latta.
- Stephens, A. L., Dillon.
- Sweat, Noah, Dillon.
- Tart, Nathan C., Latta.
- Turbeville, George W., Dillon.
- Turbeville, James W., Hamer.
- Turbeville, Stephens S., Latta.
- Wiggins, Jno. M., Lake View.
- Wise, J. Christopher, Sellers.

List of Widows on Dillon County Pension Roll, 1921.

- Elizabeth Abbott, Simeon Abbott, Hamer; Annie B. Alford, Ferguson Alford, Dillon; Annie M. Allen, Elmore Allen, Latta; Marian A. Allen, Joseph Allen, Latta; Samantha Ayers, Enoch S. Ayers, Nichols; Mary Ann Bailey, Henry Bailey, Latta; Anna Eliza Barfield, Harley Barfield, Lake View; Alice Beatha, Holden Beatha, Dillon; Sophie Bond, William Bond, Dillon; Smithie A. Booth, Robert A. Booth, Lake View; Annie E. Brigman, Benj. Brigman, Latta; Flora M. Bethea, George Bethea, Latta; Annie Calder, Macombs Calder, Latta; Jensey Calder, James Calder, Fork; Julia Ann Coats, John Coats, Dillon; Martha Ann Cottingham, Wesley H. Cottingham, Mallory; Mary Jane Cottingham, Jno. C. Cottingham, Dillon; Sallie Jane Cottingham, Thos. F. Cottingham, Fork; Pennye Edwards, Albert P. Edwards, Dillon; Emeline Ellis, Hugh G. Ellis, Bingham; M. Sue Evans, William B. Evans, Latta; Mary Ann Freeman, Franklin Freeman, Mallory; Margaret E. Galloway, William A. Galloway, Mallory; Helen L. Gibson, Raiford Gibson, Dillon; Ann Gilbert, James F. Gilbert, Bingham; Sarah V. Godbold, Asa Godbold, Dillon; Charity Goud, Clelan B. Goud, Dillon; Nancy J. Greenwood, E. B. Greenwood, Latta; Mary J. Hargrove, Jas. Hargrove, Dillon; Lena Harper, John M. Harper, Latta; Margaret G. Hatchell, Elijah C. Hatchell, Latta; Irene Hayes, Willie M. D. Hayes, Kemper; Elizabeth Herring, Harmon Herring, Hamer; Salina Herring, Edmond B. Herring, Dillon; Jennie Hodge, Randolph HoHdge, Hamer; Nancy Hulon, Wylie Hulon, Dillon; Gatsy Hyatt, C. Hyatt, Dillon; Jonah Jackson, Labon E. Jackson, Latta; Sarah A. Johnson, Hugh G. Johnson, Latta; Orphy King, Alex King, Latta; Char-

MAKING HERO BLUSH.

Wave of Debauchery Follows Flood of Cheap Money in France.

Paris, April 24.—While the French government is desperately trying expedient after expedient to raise the thirty-nine billion francs necessary for this year's budget, society in Paris is indulging in an orgy of extravagance in gambling unbeat in the history of the republic.

With private homes on the Avenue DuBois Passy transformed into miniature casinos where jeweled women play nightly at baccarat and poker instead of bridge, the passion for risking large sums has extended even to the poorer people.

Literally incredible sums are wagered daily on the races. The reason for this is said to be the inflation of the currency by which everybody in France has ostensibly five times more cash than before the war.

Mushroom millionaires are springing up daily with each drop in the value of the franc. The Sunday dinners at the Ritz, which had become known as the smartest functions in Europe, have degenerated into an exposition of bare backs, barbarous jewels, fat wallets and ostentatious clothing.

James Norton Winslow, leader of the young old set, was especially conspicuous. A group of debutantes were insisting upon teaching him the steps of the new dance—the Grondelle—despite the fact that his 80 years necessitate the use of a cane.

Mrs. Richard Owen, nee Hilton, grand daughter of Judge Hilton of New York, has sprung a sensation. She is wearing 32 jade bracelets, reaching above the elbow. She is being outdone, however, by a portly matron whose shoulder is adorned by a tattooed butterfly.

Another furore is caused by a red-haired beauty who is wearing a sacerdotal robe, explaining that it was given to her by a priest. Another is wearing a Chinese mandarin robe with her hair arranged on her temples, maiden fashion.

The greatest sensation of all, however, was reserved for an anonymous beauty, who, conceiving the idea of revealing nature, has a new "falling leaves" dress. She wears no stockings but has sandals. Realizing that she needed some adornment for contrast, she is wearing a painted garter on an inch above her knee, the garter being an imitation rosebud. It caused many exclamations of admiration while she was froxtrotting.

Attention: Ex-Service Men.

As stated in the Herald some time ago, the American Legion Post in Dillon has been reorganized and we have written for a charter. Every ex-service man in and around Dillon should join the Post. See or write Mr. Smith Stubbs, Adjutant or J. C. Henegan, Jr., Post Commander and come in with the bunch. The American Legion is here to stay and the Dillon Post is here to stay, so "fall in" with the boys.

J. C. HENEGAN, Jr., Post Commander.

American Legion Club Meeting.

The American Legion Club has secured club rooms over the Herald office and will be open to the members after May 1st. On Monday night May 2nd, it is intended to have a "house warming" at which time music will be furnished by the famous "Dunbar Jazz Orchestra", and refreshments served. All members are urged to come out and help start the club off right. To be a success this club must have the support of the town. Membership in the club is not restricted to ex-service men.

Ancient Pompeians had both primary and general elections, similar to those we have in every town and city each spring. They were in the midst of an exciting local election, it is indicated, when Pompeii was destroyed in 79 A. D.

By R. Lane, Robert L. Lane, Dillon; Lillian Lane, Robert Lane, Latta; Nellie Locks, William Locke, Dillon; Mary J. McEachern, John C. McEachern, Hamer; Dallis McKenzie, Eli McKenzie, Dillon; Sarah E. McLean, Robert B. McLean, Dillon; Clara E. Manning, Hollan D. Manning, Latta; Emily J. Miller, Neill Miller, Nichols; Elizabeth C. Moore, Alfred Y. Moore, Latta; Amanda B. Oliver, Jos. R. Oliver, Hamer; Deller Pace, William J. Pace, Lake View; Mollie A. Pope, Ashen Pope, Latta; Sarah E. Reason, Jos. T. Reason, Sellers; Amanda Rogers, Ervin Rogers, Dillon; Redia Rogers, Robert H. Rogers, Dillon; Mary H. Rogers, Tristram B. Rogers, Fork; Nancy J. Rogers, Enoch A. Rogers, Fork; Sarah G. Sanderson, Solomon A. Sanderson, Lake View; Candis Simpson, Benj. G. Simpson, Dillon; Mary E. Snead, Israel B. Snead, Hamer; Elizabeth Ward, Colon Ward, Dillon; Nancy Walters, Lukel Walters, Lake View; Flora Ellen Watson, James R. Watson, Dillon; Nancy M. Watson, Merideth Watson, Latta; Nancy M. Weatherford, John L. Weatherford, Dillon; Caroline Wiggins, William Henry Williams, Hamer; Catherine M. Wise, Gilbert B. Wise, Dillon; Hannah Jane Wise, Evander Wire, Latta.

DEFENDING UPON WHOSE OX IS GORED

Under the above caption The Lancaster News says:

"The Dillon Herald commends Governor Cooper's advocacy of the canceling of the war debts against the allied nations of Europe. It sounds good, but one great trouble with we Americans is we rush right into too many things without so much as a thought as to the result. Who is the debtor of Europe? A corporation in which all of us are stockholders; it was our money that was loaned to the countries of Europe. Let us illustrate:

We bought Liberty bonds so that this country could carry on its part of the war and also make loans to its allied nations; the money we paid for Liberty bonds was the money that was loaned to Europe. Now, let us be fair.

"Will the Herald or will Governor Cooper come out in favor of canceling the Liberty bonds? Would it be anything more than fair, if we should cancel the debts the nations of Europe owe us?"

"Governor Cooper," says the Herald, "takes a bold stand in advocating so sweeping a measure, but the position he takes can be sustained by the soundest of logic and reason." Certainly it can, if we are financially able to cancel the debt our own country owes. It would be a magnanimous act on the part of the people of the United States to burn their Liberty bonds and say to the government: "You owe us nothing"—if we were able. The Herald evidently believes we are, for he says: "We can lose what Europe owes us and never feel it."

It is true that one working under the burdens of a heavy debt works in the dark and with his hands tied. We have some personal experience with that condition, but on the other hand it has been the very making of many a man to get in debt and get out. Instead of it tending to cause people "to lose all interest in the future," as the Herald thinks it would, it should cause a man to put forth more effort, buckle down, and get out from under the burden. "They see nothing before them, but years of toil," says the Herald, "they have neither the spirit nor the ambition to help themselves, and where such conditions exist industrial rehabilitation is a slow and painful process." Is not that a rather serious indictment of the peoples of the European nations? Certainly men who fought like the British and the French have not lost "the spirit or the ambition to help themselves."

In our opinion, Governor Cooper blundered when he said in a speech at Spartanburg that the best thing the United States can do is to cancel its war debts.

The Herald is not moved in this matter by feelings of sympathy or sentiment. We are sorry for the people of Europe, but our sympathy does not go so far that we want to make them a present of eleven billions of dollars. The Europeans claim they cannot pay interest on the debt. That in itself is an acknowledgment that they are broke. If they are broke how can we collect? Germany says she cannot pay. If Germany cannot pay how are the Allies to get out of her? If the Allies cannot even pay interest on what they owe how do they expect Germany to pay interest and principal? Those in authority at Washington (and among them are Democrats and Republicans) tell us our industrial troubles are due to the impoverished condition of Europe. That may be a shrewd way of placing the blame where it does not properly belong; but anyway business suffers while Washington fiddles. If American business cannot get on its feet again until Europe gets where she can buy the most sensible thing to do is to put Europe to buying. She owes us eleven billions. Give it to her and then lend her more money to start up her industries. If her industries are to continue to remain idle and the price of our raw materials continues to decline we will lose considerably more than 11 billions of dollars in the next five years.

Dinner at Little Rock.

The Domestic Science Class of Little Rock High School was hostess last Friday evening at an elaborate six course dinner to which the teachers, trustees and a few friends of the school were invited. The class is under the able and efficient direction of Miss Annie McMillan who has every reason to be proud of the creditable work her class has done.

The dining room was most tastefully decorated in pink and green, the color scheme. Small tables were used on each of which was a tiny basket of pink sweet peas and ferns. Pink roses and ferns were used in profusion in other parts of the room, making the effect very beautiful. Just before the dinner, each guest drew from a basket a hand painted card upon which was the name of a cake. In this way each one found his partner for dinner.

The hostesses, Misses Blanche Huggins, Cora Norton, Louise and Ruth Wallace and Beulah Hamilton served the following menu: Fruit cocktail, cream tomato soup, cream chicken, rice and gravy, green peas, macaroni, biscuits, pickle, fruit

Calvary.

The farmers of this section are now plowing around their little, frost bitten plants. The crops of the fields with the gardens are looking so much better since the refreshing showers of rain. Some cotton was damaged but the writer does not know of any being planted the second time.

Mrs. Cary McKenzie, Jr., spent last week at Lumberton, N. C., with her parents and family, Mrs. and Mrs. Will Hayes.

E. B. Moody is recovering from a severe attack of cold and cough.

We do not know of a family in this section that has children but has fell victims to that much dreaded whooping cough, several new cases recently reported. Who can tell whether or not it will last all summer? That is if we should contract it now.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Spivey of Marietta, N. C. were here Sunday last.

The candidate for Baptism from this church will be baptized with the Pyrian members Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the Pec Dece Park.

Mrs. W. A. Bowen spent a part of last week at Zion attending a series of meetings there.

Miss Rosa Dreher, who taught the past session in our school, returned to her home at Leesville Saturday.

Several from this place attended the closing exercises at Fork school Friday night.

Mr. Fred A. Focquett, principal of Floydale school, left for his home in Abbeville county Saturday morning.

Mr. Frank Taylor of Florence spent the past week with his brother Mrs. S. C. Taylor.

Mrs. H. B. Floyd returned last week from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. K. Way.

Rev. Mr. Langley, assisted by Rev. W. C. Allen of Dillon, closed a week of revival services at the Baptist church here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hodges and Miss Ruth Hodges spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stackhouse.

The ladies prayer meeting will meet with Mrs. S. C. Taylor Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock. All ladies are requested to be present.

Little Miss Janet Stackhouse is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. K. B. Hodges.

Miss Carolyn Hall of Marion was the week end guest of Mrs. Ruby Fort Carmichael.

Miss Marguerite Dameron has returned to her home at Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Pearce from near Marion spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Colon Pearce.

Mrs. Angelyn Lane is visiting Mrs. Maxy Adams of Dillon.

Miss Inez Hayes of Marietta, N. C. spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Mr. L. G. Rogers of Florence was in town Friday.

School closed last Friday and commencement exercises were held in the school auditorium that evening. The following program was enjoyed by a large audience.

Song.
Prayer—Rev. J. S. Garner.
Salutatory—Miss Sarah Taylor.
Class History—Miss Alma Rogers.
Prophecy—Miss Wilson Taylor.
Class Will—Miss Alma Rogers.
Song.

Valedictory—Miss Carrie Tart.
Address—Mr. Monroe Johnson of Marion.
Delivery of Diplomas and Certificates Prof. S. A. Leslie.
Song.
Song.

Mr. Clarence McLaurin and Tommie McSwain attended the State Oratorical contest in Columbia last week.

Miss Lucille Cottingham of Wesley spent a few days last week with Miss Verna McQueen.

Mrs. L. F. Smoot of Darlington is visiting Mrs. W. W. Evans.

Miss Bessie Weatherly entertained a number of the young folks Friday evening at an informal party. Delicious candy was served while numerous games were enjoyed.

Mr. Jack Henegan and Miss Mattie Hamer of Dillon spent Sunday with Miss Annie Henegan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McGirt of Darlington are the guest of Mrs. W. W. Evans this week.

salad, peach ice cream and Lady Baltimore cake, coffee, whipped cream, cheese balls and crackers.

Between the courses, Mrs. C. B. Kirkley rendered two piano solos from Chopin and Mrs. Percy Dunlap sang a group of classical and popular numbers.

After dinner progressive rock was played. The prize was a delicious Lady Baltimore cake, cooked by the hostess class. The luscious prize was won by Mr. Lawrence Manning.

The entire evening was a delightful one and was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

The Montana senate has passed a bill providing for a special tax of \$3 annually on all bachelors residing in that state, the proceeds of the tax to be paid into the widows' pension fund.